

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Hugh R. Sharkey et al.	Art Unit	: 3739
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Title	: METHOD FOR TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS		

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 29, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: